they are disputing about the balance amount. That is why we have appointed a high level Committee to finalise the amounts and after that we will certainly do this. We have already issued...

DR (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI: Sir, this is repetition of the earlier answer.

MR. CHAIRMAN: High level Committee was not mentioned there.

DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI: I would like to know only two things. What active steps are being taken to recover the amount and to see that the Equalisation Fund is also created and properly utilised to bring about harmony between the consumer and the producer.

Secondly, after 1987, what are they going to go with the over-charged amount-whether they are going to recover it or they are going to regularise it? I would like to know these two things.

SHRI J. VENGAL RAO: We will certainly recover it. We are not going to regularise it. We will utilise the amount for public sector units. Recently—two days back—I appointed a high level Committee which will go into thees details and we will certainly recover the amount.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You will take all steps to recover the amount.

DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI: Why should you not constitute a committee consisting of high level technicians and also Members of Parliament?

MR. CHAIRMAN: He has already constituted a Committee.

SHRI J. VENGAL RAO: I constituted a Committee two days back. One thing I would like to mention. This figure of 800 crores is an exaggerated figure; it is not the correct figure.

DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI: May be it is Rs. 759 crores. I have nothing to say about it.

SHRI GHULAM RASOOL MATTO: But his assurance is there.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Accidents due to Leakages in LPG Cylinders

*381. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that almost every day incidents of leakage or explosion of LPG cylinders are being reported resulting in deaths in certain cases;

(b) if so, whether Government have ever conducted any thorough inquiry into such incidents to fix the responsibility therefor;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) whether there is any provision to pay compensation to the persons killed/seriously injured in such accidents; and

(e) if not, whether Government would consider to make provision for compensation in such cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Reports of LPG-related accidents appear in the press. Some of the accidents result in fatalities also.

(b) and (c) Each LPG accident is enquired into by the oil company concerned and a report sent to the Chief Controller of Explosives. Remedial action, as necessary, is taken in the light of these reports.

(d) and (e) LPG distributors have an Insurance scheme covering third party risk insurance in respect of their consumers. Claims relating to LPG accidents are settled between the consumers, the distributors and the insurance companies.